

1 **SHB 2451 - H AMD Adopted 3-13-02 0536**

2 By Representative Ericksen

3 On page 9, after line 15, insert the following:

4 "(3) The legislative transportation committee shall form a working
5 group to evaluate the feasibility of developing an alternative corridor
6 to Interstate 5 and Interstate 405 to expedite the movement of commerce
7 between the Canadian border, the central Puget Sound region, the south
8 Puget Sound region, and more southerly areas. The corridor would run
9 from approximately the Canadian border in the north to approximately
10 Lewis county in the south. This alternative corridor analysis shall
11 address truck, rail, pipeline, and other utility needs for the
12 corridor, to determine the feasibility of financing and constructing
13 such a corridor, taking into consideration: (a) Anticipated present
14 and future freight demand as well as freight traffic relief for
15 existing state highway and rail routes; (b) the potential for carrying
16 general purpose traffic to provide relief for other state highway
17 routes; (c) a cost-benefit analysis detailing various funding
18 possibilities, including federal funds and the use of charges and tolls
19 to fund construction and operation of the corridor as a utility
20 corridor and a toll facility; (d) an analysis detailing possible right
21 of way locations, including but not limited to property donations,
22 trades, or credits between or among the public and private sector; and
23 (e) possible private sector, local, or other partnerships that may be
24 used to fund the project.

25 The working group shall report its findings to the full committee
26 by December 15, 2002."

EFFECT: Directs the legislative transportation committee to form a working group to examine the development of an alternative north-south freight corridor running from Lewis County to the Canadian border.